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Community rallys around hurricane victims

by Michael Scott

For the second time in as many years, the LSUS gymnasium has become a temporary shelter for those fleeing the wrath of nature. People of all ages, with some as young as seven days old, are calling the gymnasium home for now. Instead of basketball games and cheering fans, the HPE building was filled with Red Cross volunteers, children jumping rope, elderly couples playing cards and dozens resting on cots placed around the edges of the basketball court.

"We're expecting 500 people before the night's over," said Kannetha Clem, Disaster Relief Volunteer for the Red Cross on Sunday night. According to Clem, the first wave of people seeking relief showed up Saturday night, but the biggest influx came between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday. "We're prepared to service them as long as need be," said Clem, who was reaching her 20th straight hour of helping at the HPE building.

The Red Cross, which had enough supplies to aid 700 people, weren't the only ones providing help. Local businesses such as Sam's Club, Horseshoe and Harrah's casinos, and staff from Ryan's Buffet brought food, water and supplies to those in need. Special needs were addressed as well, with a nurse practitioner and nurse's assistants present to help with any risks that may arise. LSUS staff members were on hand as well.

"Maintenance and security have been awesome," said Clem. "This school has really stepped up."

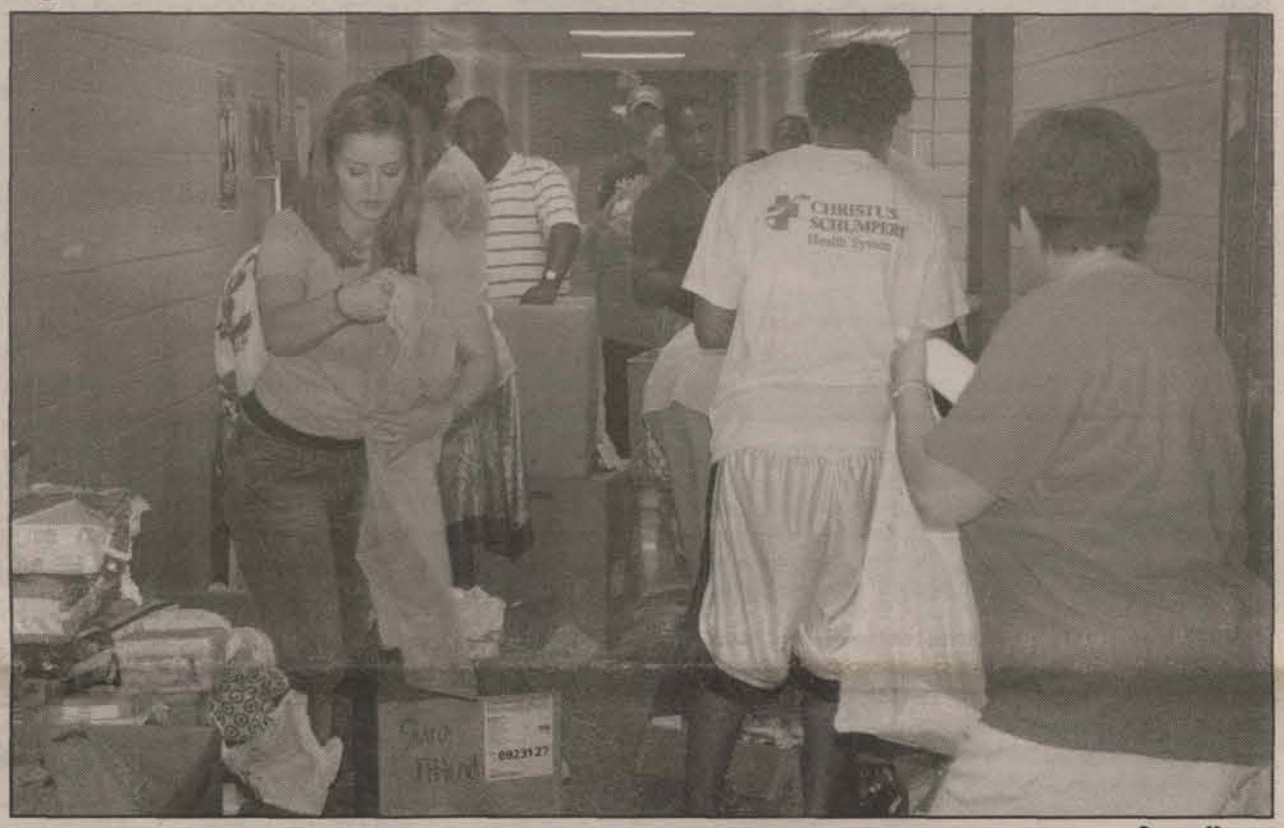
An animal shelter was placed in front of the HPE building to give relief and care to pets brought with evacuees. Directed by the Northwest Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association, the shelter is the first of its kind at LSUS.

"It fills a need that hasn't been addressed," said Dr. Justin Crites, a USAF veterinarian and volunteer. "This will hopefully keep volunteer sources available for years to come," said Crites.

Each volunteer in the animal shelter worked 8-hour shifts, making help available at all times. Support came from the local Humane Society as well as airmen from Barksdale Air Force Base.

"Hopefully we'll have vets every shift," Crites said, "but we do have 24-hour help for the animals."

On Sunday, with hurricane Katrina moving closer to the coast, televisions airing the Weather Channel were surrounded by viewers.



DERRICK MITCHAM

Many people volunteered to help distribute food and supplies to hundreds of people crowded into the Health and Physical Education Building.

"It's becoming a normal thing," said New Orleans resident Sterling Wright, "This is the fourth time I've had to evacuate in five years."

Wright arrived in Shreveport at 5 p.m. Sunday after taking a detour through Meridian, Miss.

"I lucked out," he said. "My mother went through Baton Rouge, and then East to Houston. She said it was a nightmare."

Once he arrived in Bossier City, signs indicating where shelter could be found guided him to LSUS.

"Everyone's done a good job of showing where shelter was," Wright said. "I've had a good experience driving this time."

However, not everyone was able to travel as quickly as Wright. Ron Reynon, a junior from Fisher High School in Lafitte, spent almost 12 hours in traffic.

"We left at 3 in the morning," Reynon said, "And we arrived here around 2:45 in the afternoon." His mother, sister and a family friend all fled the potential path of the hurricane. "Every hotel we saw said 'no vacancy,í so we kept driving until we came here," Reynon said.

Much like Wright, this wasn't a new experience to him, either. His family had to evacuate to Mississippi seven years ago when Hurricane Georges threatened the Gulf Coast.

While evacuation was mandatory for some, many chose to leave before a mandate was issued.

"I'd rather play safe than sorry," said Diana Fish of Abbeville, who arrived at the shelter at 7:45 Sunday night with her daughter. Her immediate concern was for her husband, who works on a ship out in the Gulf of Mexico coast. "He's going to be right in the middle of it," she said, "All I can do is hope for the best."

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No corrections this week.

A Whole New Look

Welcome back everyone! We're trying some new things with the Almagest this semester. The look of the paper is different as well as some of the content. We thought we would go with a design that matched the name of our paper.

The man on the front is an ancient geographer and astronomer named Ptolemy. You've probably learned about him in some of the science classes here. He wrote what is considered by some to be a very influential book called the Almagest. In the book, Ptolemy talks about many topics dealing with astronomy. He outlines his theory of an earth-centered solar system and includes a star catalogue of many constellations.

Though many of Ptolemy's observations and findings have since been disproved, his research and knowledge were widely accepted and used for many, many years. The word Almagest is an Arabic word meaning the "great" or the "majestic." While we aren't likely to share something as world-changing as Ptolemy's work within the pages of the LSUS Almagest, we strive to bring you the best newspaper we canó one worthy of the name Almagest.

But to do that we need your help. Let us know what you think of our new design or any of the things you seeñor don't seeñin the paper. Check out our entertainment page where you'll find Eric's weekly music reviews, Harmonics. The new name is inspired by another of Ptolemy's works about music. The paper is still a work in progress. We are constantly brainstorming new ideas to make the paper better. Help us out by sending us your comments and suggestions. We are all looking forward to a great year at the Almagest, and we are dedicated to bringing you the best newspaper possible.

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LSUS Port starts semester with new brew

by Michael Scott

Students visiting the Port during Common Hour or between classes have probably noticed the newest addition to the beverage lineup: Starbucks Coffee. Students and staff can order coffees, teas and other drinks at 15 percent less than at other retailers. The coffee bar also offers a variety of scones, muffins and Danishes.

"We have a bunch of varieties," said Candice Ketchum, a junior math education major and student worker. "People like variety."

This seems apparent, since business has improved over last semester. "Common Hour was crazy," Ketchum said. "There was milk and caramel everywhere."

Convenience is another factor which draws students to the coffee bar. Trandi Phillips, a senior psychology major, cited Starbucks as a welcome addition to the Port.

"It's easy, easy, easy," Phillips said as she took sips from her coffee. "These people need caffeine more than they need Icees."

Coffee isn't the only drink offered by the Starbucks bar. The menu includes items such as teas, hot chocolate and Creamices, which consist of crushed ice, milk, and a variety of flavors. The cheapest item on the menu is Hot Tea for 95 cents, with the most expensive item being a "Venti"-sized caramel Macchiato at $3.80.

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> Steve Sittenauer
> Port manager

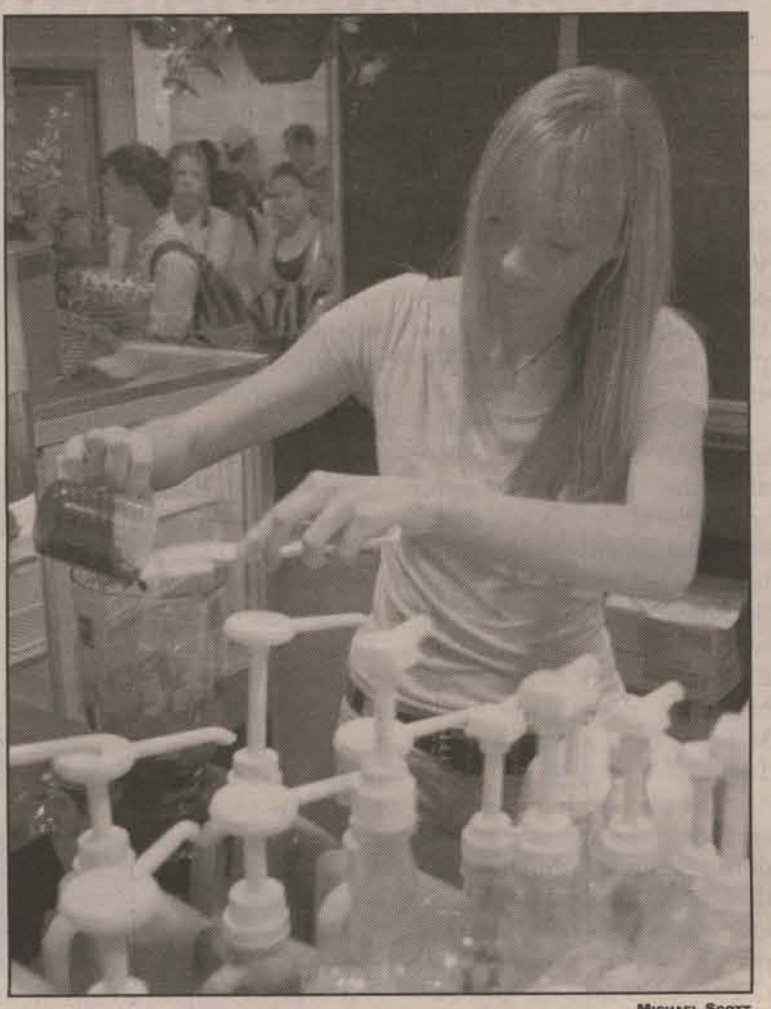
The addition of Starbucks coffee was the first of many changes planned by the Port manager Steve Sittenauer.

"The coffee bar wasn't being utilized," Sittenauer said. "We wanted to create a coffee house atmosphere to bring students together."

The decision to bring in Starbucks was made in mid-July, according to Sittenauer. The Port pays to have the Starbucks products, with the coffee dispensers and other related equipment loaned from the company. The equipment remains loaned to the Port as long as Starbucks products are sold.

Sittenauer has more ways in mind to change the look and operation of the Port. So far, he's added the Starbucks coffee bar, put in a soup and salad bar and changed the soft drink system to a self-serve area.

"This cuts labor costs by making refills much easier," Sittenauer said. He also plans to streamline the point-of-sale system. By using a computer system to send orders to the kitchen, food can be cooked and delivered faster. His ultimate goal is to convert to a "more made-from-scratch atmosphere" and serve more health-conscious food to the Portís customers.



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Candice Ketchum, junior math education major, serves up the newest menu option at the Port—Starbucks coffee.

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Anderson begins semester as new dean of liberal arts

by Stevie Silva

The College of Liberal Arts started this school year with a new dean. Dr. Larry Anderson, former professor of English in the College of Liberal Arts, took Dr. Merrell Knighten's position as Dean in August.

"I gave up the second best job, being the Dean, for the first best job, teaching English," said Knighten, the former Dean of Liberal Arts and a professor of English.

Knighten said he expects Anderson will be a very successful dean and will pick up on the tasks more quickly than he did.

Anderson earned his bachelor's degree in English and his master's degree in literature. He earned his Ph.D. degree in language, literacy and rhetoric from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He has worked in the English Department at LSUS for the past 16 years. In 1997, he was appointed the chair of the English department. He said he felt that it was time to do something different.

After hearing that Knighten was stepping down, he said he found a new opportunity with much potential before him. He accepted the position as the dean of the College of Liberal Arts, as appointed by Stuart Mills, vice chancellor of academic affairs. He said this position would provide him with the potential for new initiatives.

Anderson expects the position of Dean to be challenging. He said as a faculty member his view of the university was small and grew larger as he became a department chair. He expects that as dean he will obtain an even larger view of the university as he gets to know the other deans and learns more about how the university operates.

'Johnstown Vindicator' opens in Black Box Theatre

by Mike Schwalke

Nine volatile personalities, alcoholism, sexual tension, uncertain parentageó it's just another day at the Johnstown Vindicator. Quincy Long's comedy cum murder mystery kicked off the first full season of plays here at LSUS last weekend.

"The Johnstown Vindicator,î both the title of the play and the newspaper about which the story unfolds, focuses on the belligerent city editor Jack, played by newcomer Keith Romero, a man obsessed with breaking a big story, finding out who his father is and bringing down the local Mafioso, Tucci, played by Alan Trichell.

The play is character-driven. Jack barks orders at his underlings and wonders why they quit. Meanwhile his ex-lover and ex-ace reporter Janet, played by Tiffany Bates, wrestles with her love for Jack as a lover and her hatred for him as a boss. While the grizzled veteran reporter Hump, played by Charles Montgomery, drinks himself out of a job, he clashes with the rookie reporter JJ, played by Thomas Fitzgerald, and his naÔve girlfriend Pepper, played by Alana McCart. Stuck in the middle and catching abuse from all sides is the assistant editor Howard, played by Derrick Mitcham.

Rather than unfolding like a standard murder mystery where the audience has to intuit whodunit, the play offers up the killer's confession in the first act. What unfolds after that is a scramble for the reporters to figure out who really done it before the newsroom self-destructs in a tornado of conflicts between the characters.

"It's more about the newspaper than the mystery," said director Robert Alford II.

Indeed, the play focused more on the hierarchy of the newsroom than on the murder of a local minister around which the plot revolves. In the end Jack breaks the big story, finds his father, crushes his nemesis and gets the girl.

This was not Alford's first experience with the playó he was involved in the production over 20 years ago while a MFA student at the Yale School of Drama. Since then he had been eager to see "The Johnstown Vindicator" play again.

According to Alford, this is the first time the play has ever been performed in Louisiana.

"I had avoided it because it was so controversial," said Alford.

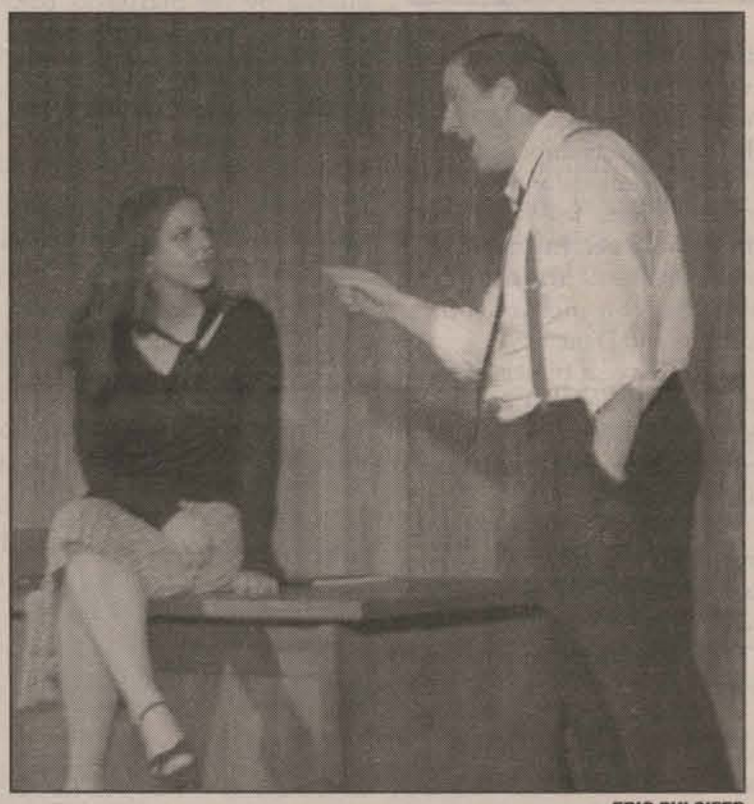
The controversy extends from the voyeuristic relationship between Jack and his mother, played by Barbara Stewart, as well as the implications that the murdered minister ran a prostitution racket and was somehow connected to the Mafia.

The lurid traits of each character were reflected in their costumes. Each of the nine players wore basic non-colors: black, white and gray, but each costume was splashed with a red accoutrementó a red belt on JJ, a red T-shirt for Howard, red socks for Tucci, and so on.

Getting ready for the play's opening night was taxing on the actors, three of whom had no prior experience.

"It was an arduous process," said Trichell, senior journalism major. "I'm glad it's over."

The Black Box Theatre where the play was performed held about 50 people each night. The former classroom was converted with funding from a Board of Regents grant that allows for the conversion of any space on campus into a performance space.



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Tiffany Bates and Keith Romero act out a scene in "Johnstown Vindicator." Three performances were held in a Black Box Theater on campus over the weekend.

"The Johnstown Vindicator" was the first of five plays that will be preformed this season by the LSUS Department of Communications. The next play, "Passing" by Sheri Bailey and Nancy Cheryll and directed by Alford, will open Friday, Sept. 9 and will run through the weekend. The schedule also includes Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" and "The Woolgatherer" by William Mastrosimone. Call 797-5283 for more information on these upcoming events.

Walking trail proposed for runner, jogger safety

by Lauren Anderson

The popularity of walking or jogging around campus has raised safety concerns among some at LSUS. A walking trail has been proposed to keep runners out of the street and away from campus traffic.

"It's been something people have wanted,î said Diane Boyd, director of teaching, leadership and technology center and assistant professor of English. ìPeople just haven't mobilized."

Last fall, discussions began regarding "the ring," a makeshift trail around the campus that bikers, joggers, and walkers utilize. Often, it consists of the road, leading many students and staff on campus to raise safety concerns.

Cut-through traffic from Kings Highway and Youree Drive has raised concerns among some about the safety of runners on campus.

"It's not impossible to share the road, but it's difficult," said Boyd. "The history of aggression between runners and cars is long."

Though Sergeant Rodney Christian, campus police officer for almost eight years, did not note any recent incidents between pedestrians and vehicles, Christian said, "They need some kind of track to make it safer for the people."

Over the summer, Boyd designed the proposal, requesting fundsó about $1.4 million ó from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. The decision is due this October. Boyd has also rallied much awareness of and support for the grant, informing other LSUS faculty and community members and researching other grant opportunities.

> "We're trying to transform the campus culture and give positive reasons for people to come here and create bonds with the community."
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> Diane Boyd
> assist. professor of English

The DOTD recently announced that funding for university campuses would cease.

"It needs to be a mode of transportation rather than for recreation," Boyd said.

Future plans are already being made for expansion of the proposed trail, over time and in separate phases, to extend through Bickham Dickson Park to join with the Clyde Fant trail. This would encourage marathon runners to use the trail.

"If we had a trail around (LSUS), it would bring more people to our campus," said Don Bloxom, director of facility services. Bloxom worked with Boyd and developed the plan and construction costs of the proposed trail, which would include fountains and rest areas.

"We're trying to transform the campus culture and give positive reasons for people to come here and create bonds with the community," Boyd said.

To express an opinion on the proposed trail, visit www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=279721114810 to fill out the survey.

New IDs bring protection, opportunities to students

by Kemisha Ware

As identity theft has become one of the fastest growing crimes in the nation, LSUS is taking steps to safeguard the personal information of its faculty and students.

The university's office of student activities has started issuing new student ID cards with unique ID numbers in place of Social Security numbers.

According to Joseph Pearson, director of the University Center, the new identification system is designed to help protect student's identity and privacy.

"This new system will make it easier to identify who the students truly are and also protect students' and parentsí investments."

Returning students were sent a copy of their new ID numbers by mail, and they can get their re-designed ID cards at no charge by trading in their old ones.

New students entering LSUS this fall or any current students replacing their IDs will see their new ID numbers printed on the front of the cards. Social Security numbers will no longer be printed on the back of university ID cards. Returning students without a card to exchange will be charged a $5 replacement fee.

Jasmine Simpson, a junior history major, said she is happy with the changes being made this semester.

"I was never comfortable with typing in my social security number at public computers," said Simpson. "I feel safer now."

Prompted by concern about identity theft in higher education and in response to student requests, LSUS requires the uses of the new ID numbers for all university transactions.

Some transactions include accessing COMPASS, using library services and using Blackboard.

According to Pearson, the conversion to the new ID system began in April and is far from over. By 2007, Pearson said he hopes to have a multipurpose ID system implemented that will allow students to access their LSUS financial accounts, simplify the use of existing services and enhance security.

Trenton Jones, a freshman, said the future changes in the ID system should "attract more" students.

"I heard that the IDs will be able to be used all over the school and in Shreveport at some places," said Jones. "A lot of bigger schools have those types of cards. Maybe if LSUS would get something like that they'd get more students."

SAB welcomes students back to school

by Sarah Smith

Summer is finally over, and the new school year is officially underway. To help students celebrate, the Student Activities Board held the annual back to school bash, Kick-Off Kaos. The celebration began Tuesday and continues today from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the University Center Mall on campus.

Kick-Off Kaos is just one of the many events that the SAB has scheduled for the fall semester. Kimberly Thornton, assistant director of student activities, said the main goal of the event is to give students a chance to relax and have a little fun without all the stress brought on by starting a new school year. She also hopes it will promote interaction between new and old students.

On the first day of the celebration, students mingled with one another, listened to live music, and participated in the activities provided.

Students listened to the sounds of DJ Stanley Francis. Coffee house singer and songwriter, Christopher Jak, will take the stage today.

ìI think the DJ was a great idea,î said Stevie Long, freshman criminal justice major. ìThis is a great way to mingle and meet people.î

Local fast food restaurants also set up booths in the mall area. The SOC provided students with free drinks. In addition, the Mechanical Surfboard made a splash. Candle Creations gave the students the opportunity to make their own candles with the scent of their choice.

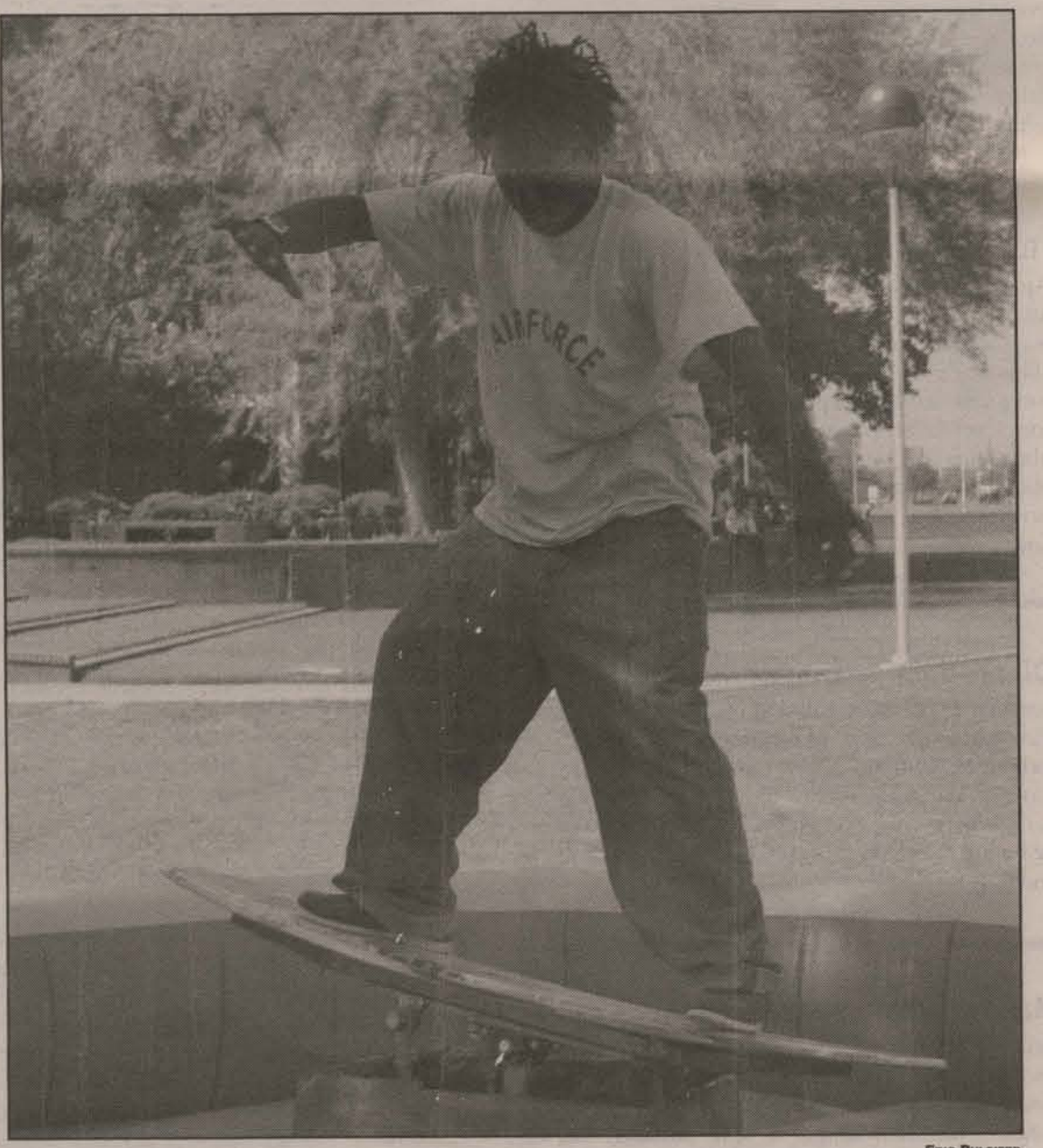
Some students became famous for the day by taking advantage of the Magazine Cover Pics, and some wanted to see their silly side through the eyes of the Caricature artists.

The Student Organization Council sponsored the event and had information booths on display in the University Center. The SOC Fair familiarized students with the organizations and extracurricular activities that LSUS has to offer. The SOC also gave away 250 survival kits to students.

Local businesses also set up booths at the event. They provided information about their business, such as employment opportunities and services they have to offer the student body and the community as a whole.

Students were given coupons to the local businesses and applications were on site if anyone was interested in working for the business.

Kick-Off Kaos is just one of the first events organized by the SAB for the fall semester. A full schedule of events can be found at the SAB office located on the second floor of the University Center.



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Kordell Harris, an evacuee from New Orleans, takes his turn on the Mechanical Surfboard. Many evacuees took part in the Kick-Off Kaos festivities with LSUS students.

In other news

La. residents obese

According to a report for the Centers for Disease Control, 25.8 percent of Louisiana adult residents are obese. The state ranks 4th in national obesity rankings. Mississippi is first on the list at 28.1 percent.

Shreveport crime down

Overall crime in Shreveport from January to July of this year is down 14 percent from this time in 2004, according to the Shreveport Police Department. However, violent crime in Shreveport is up by 4 percent.

Don't drink and drive

Caddo sheriff's deputies will conduct a sobriety checkpoint at an undisclosed location and time for every weekend in September, according to the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office. Deputies will be trying to identify drivers who are impaired by alcohol or other drugs in an effort to reduce the number of traffic fatalities and injuries.

iTunes soon available on cell phones

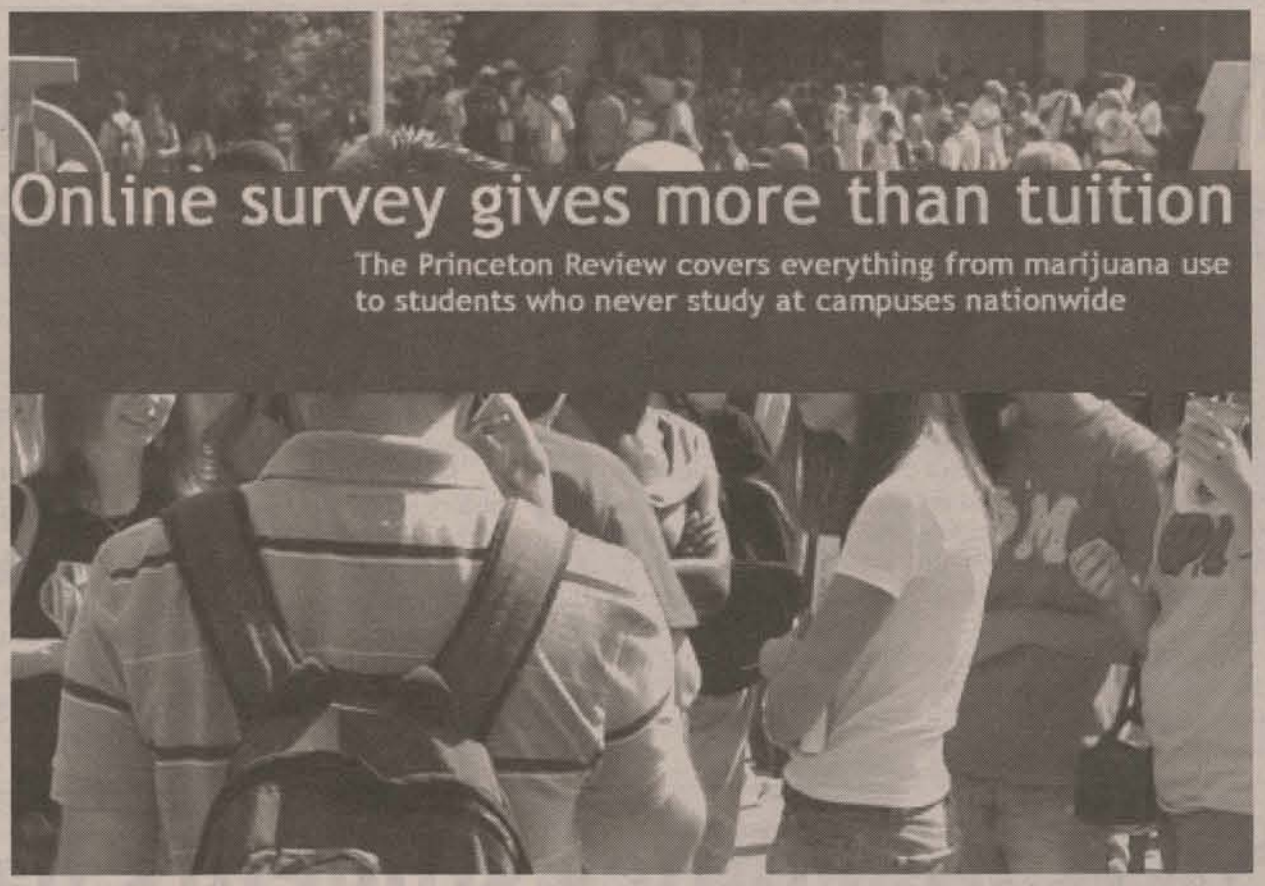
Apple and Motorola announced Tuesday a new cellular phone that will incorporate Apple's iTunes software into a Cingular phone. The new phones would allow the consumer to download songs from their computer to their cell phone and eventually purchase songs wirelessly. "It was foreseeable that the music player market would go same way as the camera phone," said Roger Entner, an analyst for Ovum. Entner noted that the world's largest camera maker is now Nokia.

Oil production in gulf on hold

An ATP Oil and Gas Corp. spokesman said Tuesday the company has cut oil production in the gulf by 30 million to 35 million cubic feet of oil equivalent per day due to damage caused by Hurricane Katrina. The company has not said when it will start production again but they said it could be as early as this week's end.

Man grows personal ad in corn crop

Peiter DeHond, 41 of Canandaigua, NY wrote his own personal ad in his cornfield. The ad read "S.W.F GoT-2 (heart symbol) FARM-N" or in other words, single white female, got to love farming. The ad, written in 50-foot-tall letters made of corn stalks, can be seen from the air. DeHond has received over 700 replies for his ad, but he has only replied to one.



Online survey gives more than tuition

The Princeton Review covers everything from marijuana use to students who never study at campuses nationwide

by Kemisha Ware

Aspiring college students can find information about tuition, academics and location in almost every university's brochure, but what about the campus life?

The Princeton Review's annual college-ranking survey covers everything from the best college library to the worst campus food. The Princeton Review is a New York City-based company known for its test prep courses, education services and books. It is not affiliated with Princeton University.

During the 2004-2005 school year, Princeton Review asked 110,000 students at 361 colleges to rate their schools. The results of the survey were printed in the company's 2006 edition of "The Best 361 Colleges." The book lists the top 20 colleges in 62 categories.

Stanford University topped the happiest students list and Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., ranked No. 1 in reefer madness (marijuana usage reported high). Brigham Young University is the top stone-cold sober school, while Louisiana's Tulane University ranked at the top of the lots of hard liquor list.

One LSUS student said she was not surprised that LSUS didn't make any lists.

"I didn't bother looking for it on any list because this university isn't really on the radar outside of this area," said Shania Gable, a freshman biology major, who said she saw the list of schools on the Princeton Review Web site, and she has plans to purchase the book.

"The Best 361 Colleges" book also has two-page profiles on each college with information on academics, admission, financial aid and student body. It is one of 200 Princeton Review books published by Random House

According to sophomore history major Matt Stuart, if "proximity to home" was a category on the Princeton Review survey, LSUS would have ranked No. 1.

"Most of the students that go here (LSUS) are from Shreveport or Bossier," said Stuart.

Other Louisiana colleges listed in the book include LSU in Baton Rouge, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, the University of New Orleans and Loyola University.

> "Those schools are very competitive. I don't know how they find the time to party all the time and study."
>
> Candice Matthews

It's comes as no surprise to Jason McKinney, a junior biology major, that LSU made the party school list.

"It's hard to stay focused down there," said McKinney, who said he transferred from Baton Rouge because he partied too much. "I think they party and drink more at the schools in south Louisiana."

Of the top 20 party schools listed, three are located in south Louisiana. In addition to LSU, which ranked near the bottom of the party school list at No. 19, Tulane (No. 11) and Loyola University (No. 10) also made the list.

Candice Matthews, who said she chose to attend LSUS because of its strong academic reputation, admitted that she was shocked to see Tulane and Loyola on the party school list.

"Those schools are very competitive," said Matthews. "I don't know how they find the time to party all the time and study."

According to the survey, not all Louisiana college students are studious people. LSU in Baton Rouge and The University of Louisiana at Lafayette made the list for students who almost never study.

The Tigers are ranked near the top of the list at No. 8, and the Ragin' Cajuns ranked last on the list at No. 20. The University of Louisiana at Lafayette also ranked No. 11 on the dorms like dungeons list.

Although the categories in the survey provide a different view of campus life, Stuart said it wouldn't help him in his decision-making process.

"Each person has their own opinion of their school," said Stuart. "Just because the list says a certain school has crappy food, won't make me change my mind."

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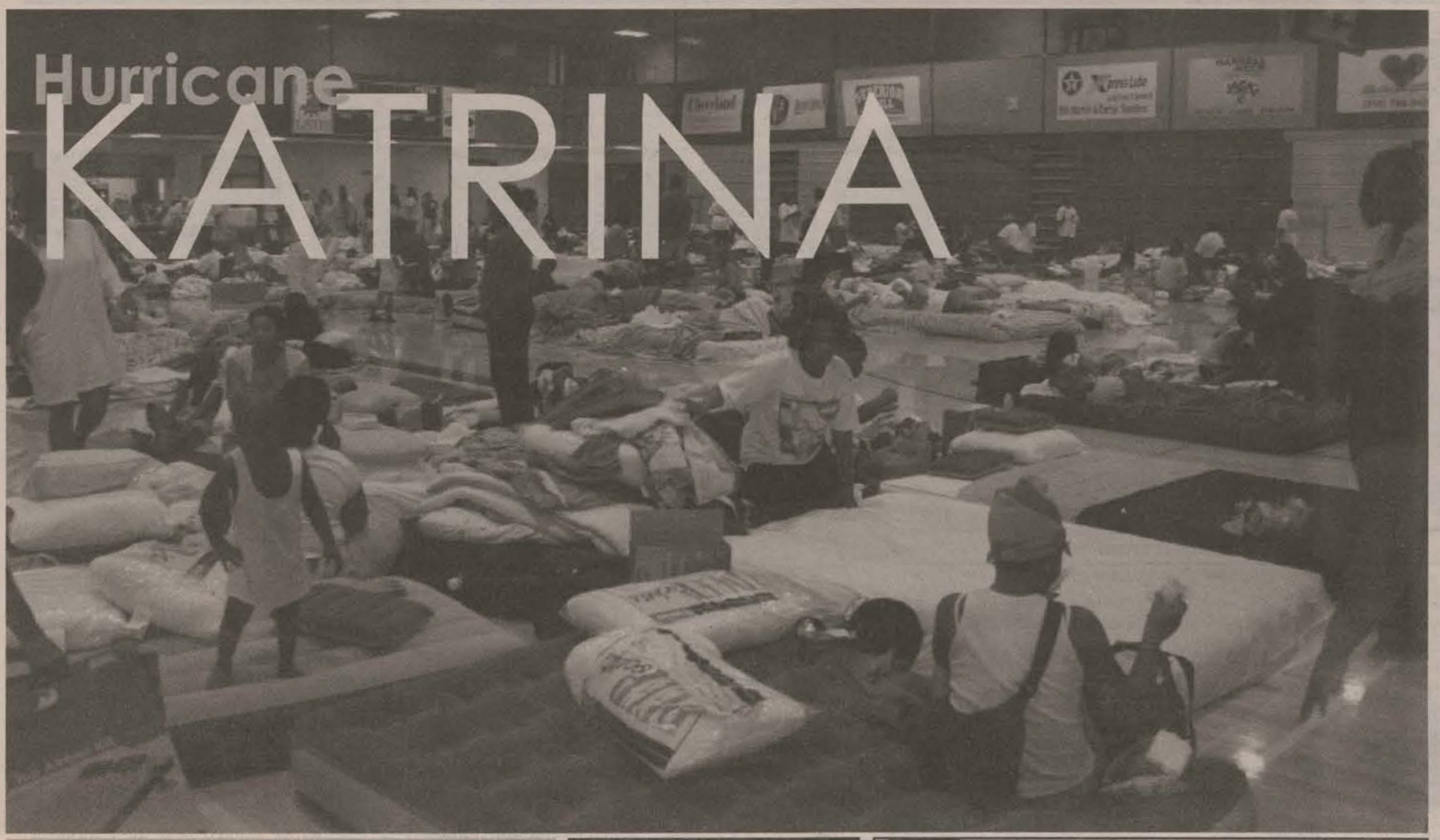

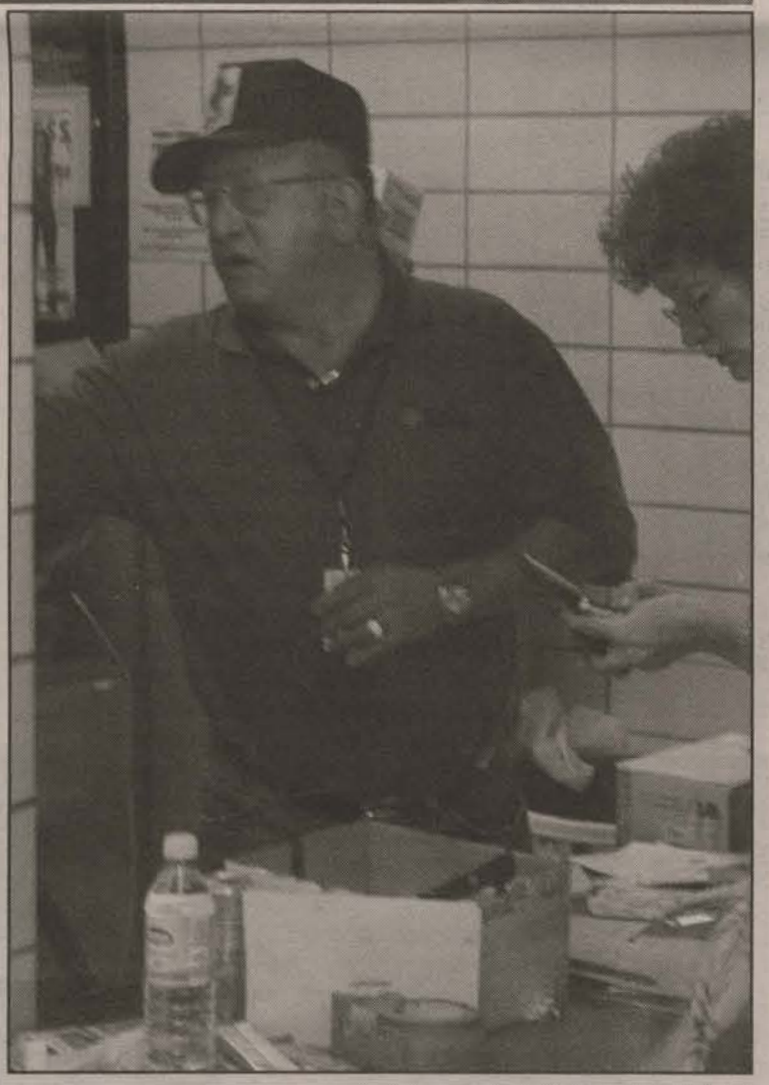

Evacuees fleeing South Louisiana from Hurricane Katrina began arriving at LSUS Health and Physical Education Building on Sunday night. Many of them brought their pets.

"These are their babies," said Nancy Badwell from the Northwest Louisiana Vet Center who was manning the registration table at the sprawling tent erected to house the displaced pets.

A cacophony of barks and yelps emanated from the tent which contained several kennels to house the hundreds of dogs, cats, birds, turtles, ferrets and rodents the evacuees brought with them. A mountain of dog food sat in the center.

"The outpoor from the community has been awesome," said Badwell pointing to the donated food, leashes and can openers that volunteers had collected. "It's a pleasure to be here to help. I'd hope that they'd do the same for me."

Marco Sosa, his wife Jennifer and their daughter Sara caravanned up here with their neighbors and five dogs in tow. Zeus, their American Pit Bull, looked as exhausted as Marco who spent nearly twelve hours on the road from Laplace in St. John the Baptist Parish. His Yorkshire Terrier Roscoe was a bit more chipper.

"All the hotels were full," he said. "They were telling us to go to Little Rock or Hot Springs, but we saw the digital sign on I-49 and came over."

David Flournoy, the Sosa's neighbor, and his American Pit Bull Asia were equally grateful.

"This is a great blessing," he said. "They've got a good system here," he continued commenting on the organization of the pet compound.

The team of volunteers ceaselessly scurried to provide the animals with food and water and to clean out their cages whenever their owners came to walk their pets on the grounds surrounding the HPE building.

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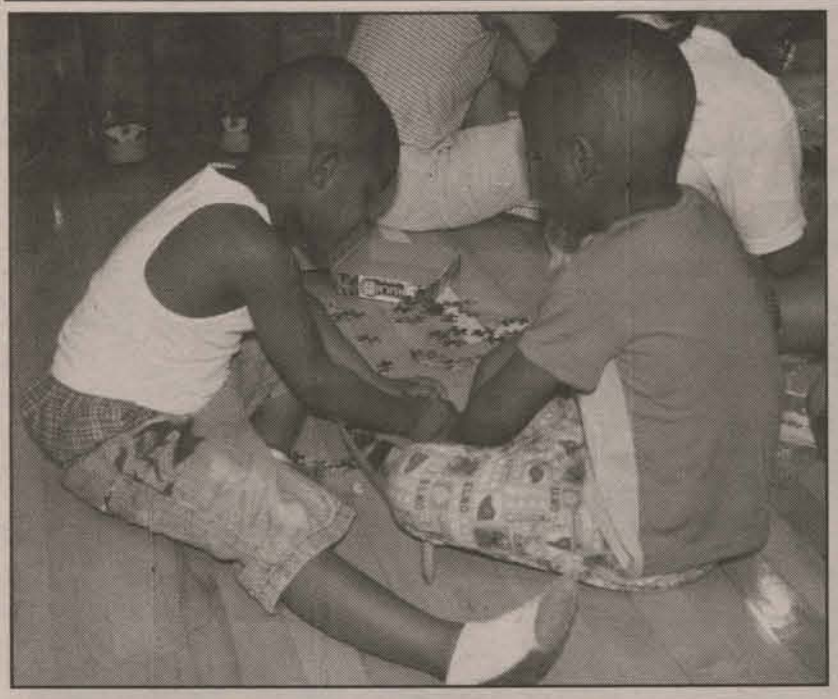

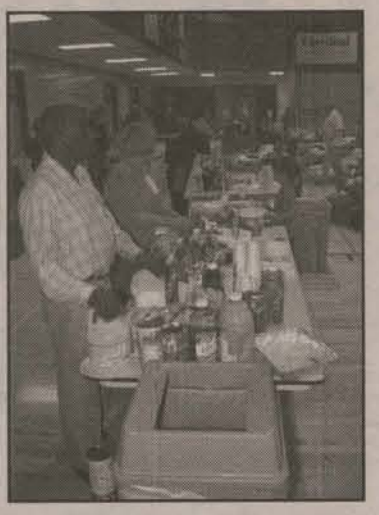

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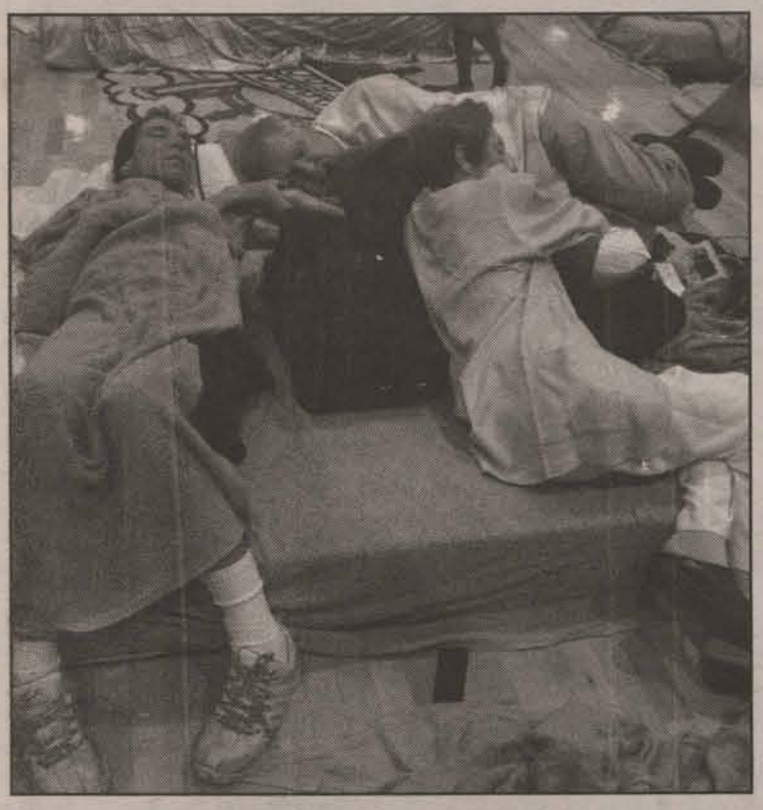
The pet refugee center was quickly organized by Dr. Sue Bradley from the Northwest Louisiana Vet Center. The Red Cross and various animal organizations such as the Humane Society mobilized quickly by setting teams to perform different tasks to keep the shelter up and running. By midday on Monday while Hurricane Katrina plowed across southern Louisiana and Mississippi the refuge center was scheduled to remain open indefinitely.



Arnold Broussard knows well the story of how legendary Hurricane Camille destroyed his Jefferson Parish home in 1969. With Hurricane Katrina displaying characteristics of a devastating Category 4 or 5 storm and possibly heading toward Jefferson Parish, the 89-year-old Metairie native and his wife, Debra, decided on Aug. 28 that they needed to head north.

"I remember how bad Camille was," said Arnold. "I didn't want to go through that again."

Arnold said although his family "rode out" Hurricane Camille, staying in Jefferson Parish for the storm, he didn't want to put his family in any danger.

"I usually ride the storms out," said Arnold. "Almost nothing can make me leave my house. But I have my grandchildren with me, and I didn't want to take any chances."

According to Debra, 86, the married couple of 47 years "packed up" their four grandchildren, who are all under the age of 9, as soon as they were told to evacuate. Although they had no intended destination, the Broussards traveled north for seven hours on I-49.

"As soon as Orleans (Parish) got the mandatory evacuation, I knew it was time to go," said Debra. "I didn't know where we were going, but I just got on the interstate and drove away."

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> Arnold Broussard
> Jefferson Parish

Hurricane Katrina howled through south Louisiana in the early hours of Aug. 29, destroying buildings and flooding major areas of New Orleans and its surrounding areas.

Although the Broussards are safe with their grandchildren in the LSUS gym, where the American Red Cross is providing shelter, Arnold said he's thankful but worried.

"We heard about this shelter on the radio when we were driving and now we're safe, but I'm still frustrated," said Arnold. "I saw houses in New Orleans covered with water. I heard that water is as high as 20 feet in some areas. It's so disturbing to think that I may not have anything to return home to."

According to national reports, some south Louisiana residents may not be able to return home for weeks, due to power outages and flooding.

The Broussards prepared for a long stay away from home, bringing with them more than just overnight bags, but Arnold said he wished he could have brought his dog.

"After I packed up the kids and my wife, I just didn't have room for him," said Arnold, who was forced to leave behind Brisket, his 4-year-old Doberman. "It's only so much that can fit into a Corolla. I hate to say it, but he's probably gone now. I wish I could have made room for him, but it was a tough sacrifice I had to make."

New Orleans native Yolanda Wilson fled to Shreveport with her sister to escape the wrath of hurricane Katrina.

Wilson left her home in the eastern part of New Orleans, which was one of the hardest hit areas of the city. She said she isn't optimistic about its condition.

"I know I don't have a place to go," said Wilson. "I'm three houses from the levee."

The damage from hurricane Katrina just added to a list of Wilson's worries. The mother of five has lost contact with her children, three of whom were evacuated to Houston and one who was left behind in New Orleans. Wilson said her son stayed in New Orleans because of her. She told him that she was going to remain in New Orleans and "ride out" the storm, but Wilson changed her mind at the last minute. Because of the problem with cellular phone lines, she couldn't get in contact with her son before she left New Orleans.

Wilson said she is also trying to contact one of her daughters, who is a deployed U.S. soldier.

"My daughter is in Iraq and is worried about me," said Wilson. "The Red Cross is helping me get a hold of her."

At a glance

On Tuesday, Orleans and Jefferson parishes were threatened by rising water from a breach in a levee where the parishes meet. The flood waters disabled the pump at this location.

Classes at LSU Baton Rouge were cancelled until sometime next week to allow the campus to be used as a refugee center. A medical triage center was set up in the Pete Maravich Assembly Center. Saturday's opening football game was postponed.

Governor Kathleen Blanco made a return trip Tuesday evening to the Superdome to extend concern to those huddled in the shelter. In a news conference following her trip she said it was essential to evacuate the Superdome in the next day or two.

The twin-span I-10 bridge to Slidell was damaged in many places, cutting off access to New Orleans from the east.

The first priority was search and rescue missions. The rescue workers fanned out in boats to pluck survivors from rooftops and attics. They estimated that they had rescued over 3,000 people Tuesday.

Looting became a problem, and one New Orleans policeman was shot when he tried to stop a looter. The policeman is recovering following surgery.

New women's soccer team debuts at LSUS

by Rodrigo Mondragon

LSUSís newest sports team has begun its season. The soccer team of 14 women is made up mostly of players from Texas recruited by Coach Jed Jones in a nationwide search for players.

ìWhat I looked for is a competitive product on the field,î said Jones.

The idea for the new team came from the athletic director Doug Robinsonís desire to see a new sport on campus.

Also new on campus, Jones has coached for nine years, training athletes ranging from 6-years-old children to professional players.

ìCoach Jones is a very good trainer; you learn a lot from him,î said freshman biology major Krystel Reilly who plays defense on the team. Reilly said that she was excited but nervous about LSUSís first game against the William Carey College Crusaders. The first two games played by the Lady Pilots this season have resulted in losses.

The games are being held in the new soccer field located next to the baseball field.

The field has a fence around it, bench seats and a score board for the fans. The field is being maintained by Coach Jones and his assistant because it is vital for the performance of the players, ìThe shorter the grass, the higher the speed of the players during the game,î Jones said.

ìIt feels really different because itís new and better than the other ones,î said Reilly, who has been playing soccer since she was young. The team practices two hours a day, six days a week. ìAll of us have a good relationship; we do the best we can for the good of the team,î said Reilly.

The Lady Pilotsí next game will be against Louisiana College at LSUS tomorrow at 3 p.m.

RODRIGO MONDRAGON

The new Lady Pilot's soccer team took the field for the first time last weekend against William Carey College.

Lady Pilots basketball team set for season with new players

by P.J. Williamson

The LSUS Lady Pilots have added nine players to their roster for the upcoming 2005-2006 basketball season. Women's head coach Ronnie Howell has spent time on the road during the off-season recruiting girls from the area.

The Lady Pilots return six players from last year's roster with hopes of reaching the NAIA national tournament for the first time.

New additions to the team include Moche Roque, a wing player from Paris Junior College.

Commenting on what bought her to LSUS, Roque said, "I like the coaches from recruitment."

Another new addition is Jannai Sells, a post player from Beaumont Central High School in Beaumont, TX. Also from Beaumont Central is Brittany Walker, a point guard/wing player.

Ashlee Johnson is a point guard from Skyline High School.

Jessica Kelly is a transfer from NCAA Division II Southern Arkansas University. She attended high school at Parkway High School.

Kelly said she enjoys playing basketball for LSUS.

"I have the opportunity to play in front of my home crowd and my church members," said Kelly.

Also returning to the Shreveport-Bossier City area is Lieda Hicks, a transfer from LSU-Eunice, who attended Airline High School.

Other girls added to the team are Jasmine Chase a forward from Carthage (Texas) High School, Jakensa Braggs a guard from Arcadia High School, and Chelsea Oliver a forward from Airline High School.

"This year we will be better because the players from last year have improved, and the new additions to the team will provide depth in the roster," said Howell.

Junior guard Chrissy Chiri expressed a similar outlook.

ìLast year we did not follow through to the end of most games, and we lost a lot of close ones,î said Chiri. ìThe new players have good attitudes, good chemistry, and a lot of talent so now we have more options this season.î

The Lady Pilots season tips off with two upcoming home games on Nov. 8 against Wiley College at 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 12 against Paul Quinn at 5:30 p.m.

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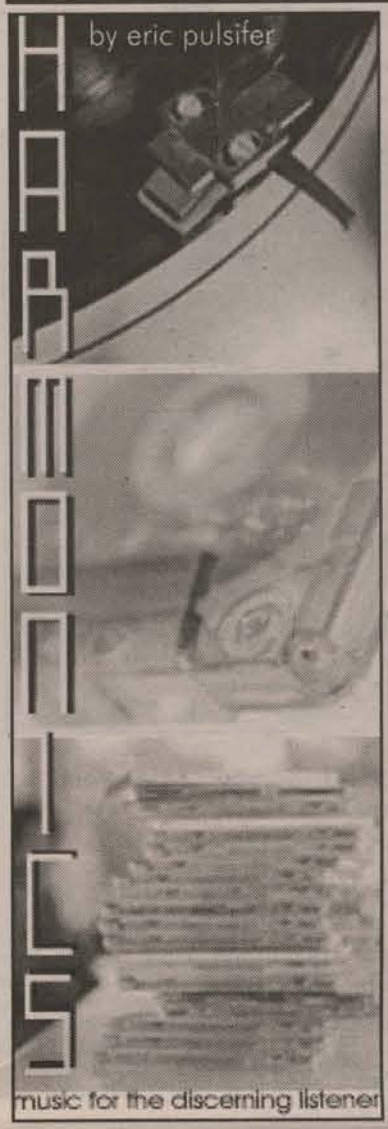


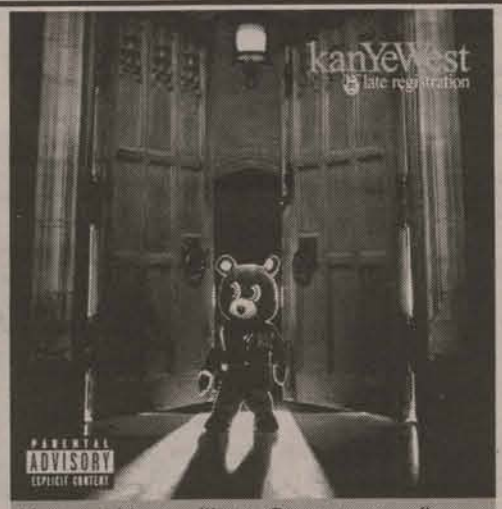
music for the discerning listener

Normally mentioning such a mainstream release in this space would seem to me like suggesting people not let reading distract them from breathing. You know who Kanye West is. My mom knows who Kanye West is. The man rakes up heaping piles of critical acclaim so massive they're only belittled by the amounts of cash he's sure to get off his anticipated sophomore release "Late Registration."

Too often Kanye skeptics seem to focus on West's egotism and ignore the complexity of the character he presents to the listener in his music. Kanye West seems to fit into the typical hip-hop mold just about as well as Adam West. His songs are packed with conflicting thoughts, intelligent rhetoric and self-consciousness that would seem to be more suited for the school yard than the prison yard.

During the months after "College Dropout" as radio hits crafted by West bombarded the airwaves, his production style ó the whole high-pitched sample of an old song with those Kanye beats serving as the backdrop ó may have seemed to be growing tired until the release of Common's largely West-produced "Be" showed us that Kanye was still at the top of his game.

Jump to "Late Registration," take that formula as we know it and mix things up with the addition of a composer who's never produced hip-hop in his life. Rap producer is a new hat for Jon Brion, whose long list of work includes scoring the films "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," ìI Heart Huckabees," ìPunch Drunk Love" and producing for Fiona Apple and Aimee Mann. It was after watching "Eternal Sunshine" that West decided to meet up with Brion. One afternoon studio meeting later led to the creation of "Gold Digger." Co-producer Brion serves as the perfect complimentary force in driving the album in a fresh new direction that feeds off of West's strengths. The minor tweaks that Brion mixes into West's songs will jump out quickly to those who are familiar with his work. There's a beauty in the way Brion composes that plays well with the upbeat tone of the album.



Kanye West - "Late Registration"

This is the second in a planned four-part series of albums that will conclude with "Graduation" and "Good-Ass Job."

West's lyricism continually impresses by seeming enlightened without coming across as preachy. The remix of "Diamonds From Sierra Leone" features a Jay-Z who raps, "I'm not a businessman, I'm a business, man" and actually has something to do with the Sierra Leone unlike the previous version. "Over here, itís a drug trade, we die from drugs/ Over there, they die from what we buy from drugs."

On "Gone" West raps, "They claim you never know what you got till it's gone/ I know I got it, I don't know what ya'll on/ I'm gonna open up a store for aspiring MCs/ Won't sell 'em no dream, but the inspiration is free."

The man may be cocky but he just may be right. By creating one of the most refreshing releases in rap music this year Kayne may serve as the inspiration for a whole new generation of rappers. To put it simply, if you have a taste for rap at all, it's hard not to find something to love about "Late Registration."

SAMPLE LYRICS: "You know the best medicine go to people that's paid/ If Magic Johnson got a cure for AIDS/ And all the broke motherf***ers passed away/ You telling me if my grandma was in the NBA/ Right now she would be okay?"

DERRICK AND CHRIS GO TO THE MOVIES

"The Cave"

Starring:Cole Hauser, Morris Chestnut, Eddie Cibrian, Rick Ravanello, Marcel Iures, Lena Headey, and Piper Perabo

Derrick: This movie was GARBAGE!!

Chris: Yeah, it was pretty bad.

Derrick: There really isn't a reason to go any further, but since I get paid to give a full review that's what I'll do.

Chris: We donít have enough space to list all the stuff that was wrong with it. One thing was the lack of character development. It stunk as bad as fresh cow patties on a hot summer day

Derrick: Gross. I felt bad for the cast. I'm sure there were plenty of other scripts out there, but unfortunately they chose to star in this piece of trash.

Chris: It was very hard for me to pay attention to the screen, because the pace of the movie was so slow.. It was definetly not what I expected, and I was more than a little disappointed. It was a like a high speed car chase minus the high speed. What about Cole Hauser? What was he thinking? He went from decent films like ìPitch Blackî and ìTears of the Sunî to this crap fest.

Derrick: No kidding! The most exciting part of the movie was the end credits. I expected action, suspense and terror. What I got was a boring, nauseating romp through an underwater cave filled with creatures you don't even really get to see.

Chris: Seriously, the camera movement, angles and placement were very bad. When the action starts you begin to get sick at your stomach because of erratic camera movements. I found it very difficult to get into the scene. It was like I was watching the ìBlair Witch Projectî underground. There was no suspense or terror and very little action.

Derrick: No doubt. During the few action scenes in the movie, I felt as if the camera was strapped to an underwater roller coaster. There was no way to keep up with what was going on.

Chris: Also the special effects were like those you would find in a made for TV horror film. You know, if this film went straight to TV I dont think anyone would care. I know I wouldnít.

Derrick: Special effects? I didn't see anything special at all. I've done better effects on some of my home movies.

Chris: Did you see a plot in this film? Because I sure didnít. If there was one, the story wasn't told well enough for it to make sense.

Derrick: How's this for a plot: bunch of idiots go into a cave they had no business going into where they find unexplained mutations that want to eat them.

Chris: Wow!! That sounds like a really good movie, but no, even though the concept was very original, sadly "The Cave" was a horrible movie, and it left me with a feeling that I want two hours of my life back.

Derrick:You're right, it was an original concept. The director just wasn't able to capitalize on it and ultimately doomed the picture by omitting everything that makes a horror film scary. If this film had been taken in the right direction it could have possibly been one of the better horror flicks to hit the screen lately. Instead we get another forgettable tale of people who for some reason can't refrain from investigating dark corners to find what lurks within.

Chris: It definitely had the potential to become a great horror filmó if not mainstream then perhaps cult horroró but like you said, the director wasnít able to make it what it could have become. Altogether the movie was a huge waste of time, energy and production team money. As you said after viewing it, it was giant souffle of Crap because it felt as if it was thrown together in a hurry and no time was taken to make it something more.

Derrick: I'm glad you agree. To those who haven't seen this film, consider yourselves fortunate. To the unfortunate souls who had to endure this wreck as my partner and I did, if you decide to gouge your eyes out, we'll understand.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, September 1
SAB Kick-Off Kaos
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SAB-Musician Christopher Jack
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Friday, September 2
Rec Sports: Free Table Tennis entries due

Rec Sports: Flag Football entries due

Last Day - 60% Refund for Fall Term

TEPAR Fall Deadline is Sept. 16

Monday, September 5
Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 6
Rec Sports: Free Weight Training Class-Weight Room HPE Building
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Rec Sports: FREE Table Tennis - UC Game Room
10:30 a.m.

Rec Sports: FREE Pilates Class - Mat Room - HPE Building
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

SAB - Mike Super: Magic & Illusion - UC Theater

Wednesday, September 7
Rec Sports: FREE Total Body Blast Class - Dance Room - HPE Building
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Rec Sports: Tennis Begins

Thursday, September 8
Rec Sports: Free Weight Training Class-Weight Room HPE Building
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Rec Sports: FREE Table Tennis - UC Game Room
10:30 a.m.

Rec Sports begins new semester of activities

by Ryan Tew

The game of choice Thursday afternoon was pool as Eric Godfrey and Chris Bedford enjoyed their free time in the University Center's game room. Pool is one of the activities offered by LSUS Recreational Sports. Rec Sports is open to all students of LSUS and LSUHSC.

"[Rec Sports] is a good way to meet people and find people with common interests" said Jennifer Klimiuk, assistant director for Rec Sports. "It is a good way to get your mind off of stress."

League sports are one type of activity offered by Rec Sports. Among these league sports are flag football and tennis. These intramurals have registration fees per team or individual, but Klimiuk said that these fees are minimal when divided among team members. Individuals are welcome to sign up and will be placed on a team.

Bedford, a junior psychology major, played flag football last semester and plans to play this semester.

"For people who are not involved in sports, it gives them an opportunity to do something," he said.

The department also offers special events such as the upcoming table tennis tournament on Sept. 6 and the Madden Challenge on Sept. 13. These one-day events are open to students for no additional fees.

Ryan Tew

Ty Taylor and Eric Godfrey shoot a game of pool in the University Center. Pool and other activities are provided by LSUS Recreational Sports.

The Madden Challenge is a video game tournament where students will compete against each other in a football based video game. First prize is a Playstation PSP. Second and third place will receive the Madden 2006 video game. The tournament is limited to 40 participants, and Klimiuk said the roster is filling fast.

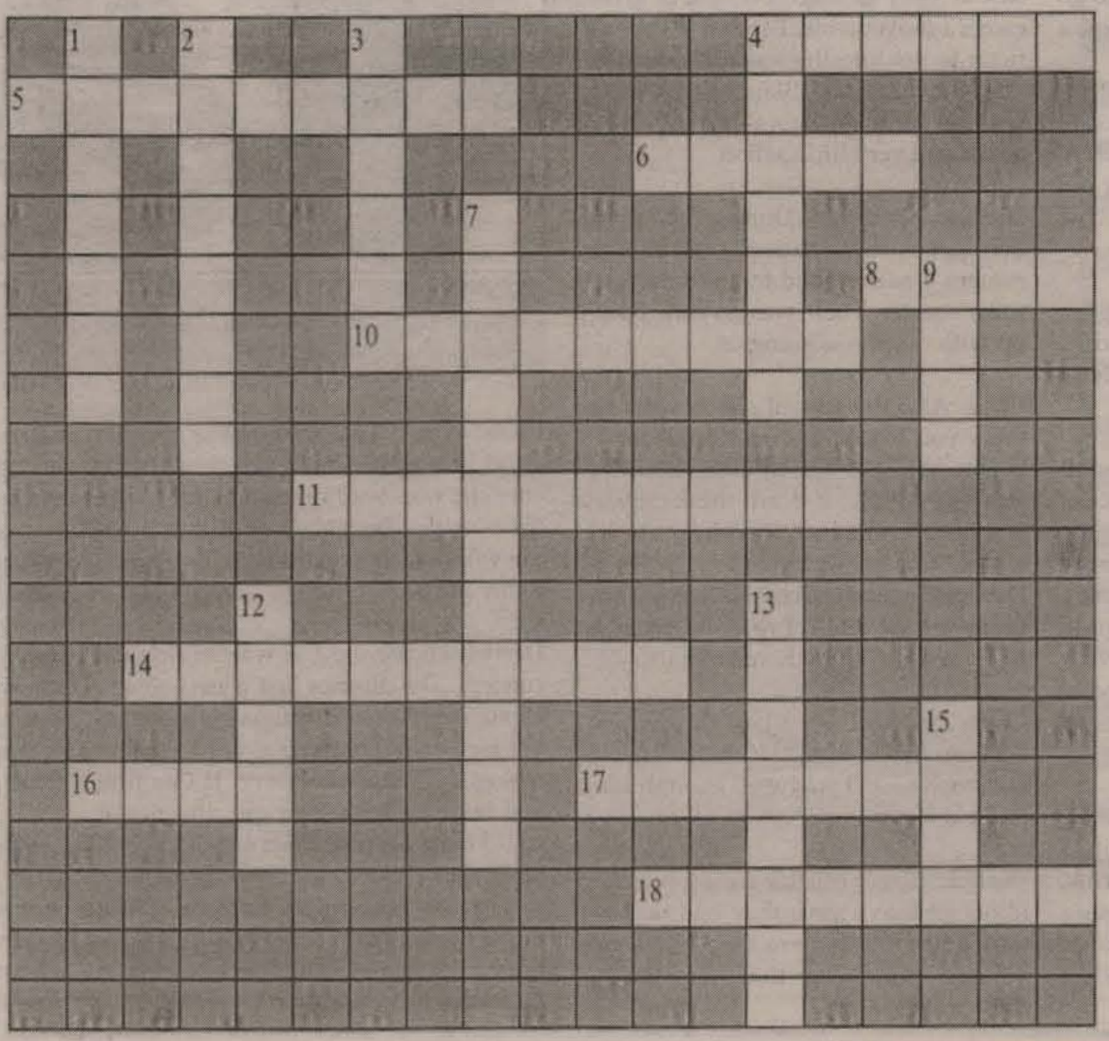
Rec Sports also offers club sports such as pool and foosball.

"If it was not for this, I would pretty much be bored," said Ty Taylor, a junior computer science major. Club sports are also available with no fees.

Rec Sports will also offer fitness activities such as Pilates and weight training beginning Sept. 6. An outdoor activity is scheduled for October.

For more information visit the Rec Sports office on the second floor of the UC.

Crossword Puzzle



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4. Newest LSUS women's sport
5. Festival during Fall semester
6. "C" in UCA
8. Red River Radio
10. Katrina and Hugo
11. Subject of required text for all LSUS students
14. LSUS mascot
16. LSUS Memorial Library
17. University Police Chief
18. LSUS dining facility

Down

1. LSUS chancellor
2. LSUS student newspaper
3. "H" in HPE
4. "S" in SGA
7. Festival during Spring semester
9. Anderson for Liberal Arts, Sisson for Science
12. Hola in english
13. LSUS men's basketball head coach
15. Number of classroom windows on first floor of Bronson Hall